

REMARKS

The Applicant has filed the present Response in reply to the outstanding Official Action of March 21, 2005, and the Applicant believes the Response to be fully responsive to the Official Action for the reasons set forth below in greater detail.

At the onset, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that Claim 3 has allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claims 2 and 3. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to depend from Claim 1. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 4 and 5 are patentable.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2 and 4-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated over the Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter "APA"). The rejection of Claims 1, 4, and 5 has been obviated by the aforementioned amendments. The rejection of claims 2 and 3 has been rendered moot by the cancellation thereof.

Additionally, the Applicant would also like to note that Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to specify that the step of "generating said address buffer control signal" is performed "by using

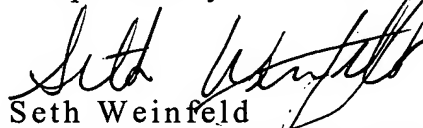
a multiplexer circuit which selects and outputs one of said address buffer control signal."

Therefore, Applicant submits that Claims 6-10 are patentably distinct from the Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) and others, as the Examiner has admitted that the cited references fail to teach a control unit including a multiplexer circuit used to select and output one of the address buffer control signals.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections of Claims 1, 2 and 4-10 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102(a).

In conclusion, the Applicant believes that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance and henceforth respectfully solicits the Examiner to allow the application. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite the allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned Applicant's attorney at the following telephone number: (516) 742-4343.

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